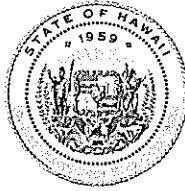


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TO: Honorable Chairperson and Members
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FROM: Endangered Species Recovery Committee (ESRC)

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SUBJECT: ESRC recommendation for approval for the release of the draft "Short-Term Seabird Habitat Conservation Plan Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC)," Island of Kaua'i, for public review.

The ESRC has been requested to make recommendations regarding approval to release the Draft "Short-Term Seabird Habitat Conservation Plan Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC)," Island of Kaua'i, for public review.

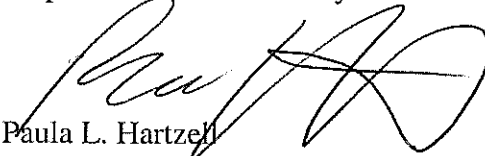
Submitted for your approval to release for public review is the draft "Short-Term Seabird Habitat Conservation Plan Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC)" (Attachment I). The purpose of this draft Habitat Conservation Plan (HCP) is to mitigate for potential injury and death to three listed threatened and endangered species: a'o (Newell's shearwater), ua'u (Hawaiian petrel), and 'akē'akē on Kaua'i, caused by project construction and operation. The draft HCP outlines provisions for net benefit to the species and environment, and contributes to the recovery of each of these species. This short-term HCP and the associated take authorizations would be valid for up to 5 years from the time of issuance. At the end of 3 years, the Parties will assess newly developed information, and the status of DOFAW's proposed island-wide Kaua'i Seabird Habitat Conservation

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Plan (KSHCP), to determine whether KIUC should then join the KSHCP, or develop its own separate long-term HCP.

The ESRC has reviewed the draft Draft "Short-Term Seabird Habitat Conservation Plan Kaua'i Island Utility Cooperative (KIUC)" during its meeting on July 16, 2009, and recommends approval for release for public review. The ESRC has no objections to the substance of the HCP and agree that the HCP will provide a net conservation benefit to the covered species.

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